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(b) All incumbent local exchange carriers are required to file tariff publications electronically.

(c) All tariff publications shall be filed in a manner that is compatible and consistent with the technical requirements of the Electronic Tariff Filing System.

§61.14 Method of filing publications.

(a) Publications filed electronically must be addressed to “Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.” The Electronic Tariff Filing System will accept filings 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The official filing date of a publication received by the Electronic Tariff Filing System will be determined by the date and time the transmission ends. If the transmission ends after the close of a business day, as that term is defined in §1.4(e)(2) of this Chapter, the filing will be date and time stamped as of the opening of the next business day.

(b)(1) In addition, except for issuing carriers filing tariffing fees electronically, for all tariff publications requiring fees as set forth in part 1, subpart G of this chapter, issuing carriers must submit the original of the cover letter (without attachments), FCC Form 159, and the appropriate fee to the Mellon Bank, Pittsburgh, PA at the address set forth in §1.1105 of this chapter.

(2) Issuing carriers filing tariffing fees electronically must submit the Form 159. The issuing carrier may submit the Form 159 in either of the methods set forth in paragraphs (b)(2)(i) or (b)(2)(ii) of this section:

(i) Issuing carriers submitting tariffing fees electronically may submit a paper copy of the Form 159, and the original transmittal letter to the Secretary of the Commission in lieu of the Mellon Bank, or;

(ii) Issuing carriers submitting tariffing fees electronically may submit a copy of the Form 159 electronically as an associated document with their tariff filing publication. In this instance issuing carriers must provide an electronic signature on their letter of transmittal in accordance with section 1.52 of this chapter.

(iii) Regardless of whether the Form 159 is submitted pursuant to paragraph (b)(2)(i) or (b)(2)(ii) of this section, the

Form 159 should display the Electronic Audit Code in the box in the upper left hand corner marked “reserved.” Issuing carriers should submit these fee materials on the same date as the submission in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Carriers that are required to file publications electronically may not file those publications on paper or other media unless specifically required to do so by the Commission.

(d) Carriers that are required to file publications electronically need only transmit one set of files to the Commission. No other copies to any other party are required.

(e) Carriers that are required to file publications electronically must continue to comply with the format requirements set forth in part 61.

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§61.15 Letters of transmittal and cover letters.

(a) All tariff publications filed with the Commission electronically must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal. All letters of transmittal must:

(1) Concisely explain the nature and purpose of the filing;

(2) Specify whether supporting information is required for the new tariff or tariff revision, and specify the Commission rule or rules governing the supporting information requirements for that filing;

(3) Contain a statement indicating the date and method of filing of the original of the transmittal as required by §61.14(b);

(4) Include the FCC Registration Number (FRN) of the carrier(s) on whose behalf the cover letter is submitted. See subpart W of part 1 of this title.

(b) Carriers filing tariffs electronically pursuant to the notice requirements of section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act shall display prominently, in the upper right hand corner of the letter of transmittal, a statement that the filing is made pursuant to that section and whether the tariff is filed on 7 or 15 days notice.

(c) Any carrier filing a new or revised tariff made on 15 days’ notice or less